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SUBJ: RUMORED SOVIET MILITARY GESTURE ALONG ROMANIAN FRONTIER

1. RUMORS HAVE CIRCULATED IN BUCHAREST AT LOW LEVEL PAST FEW DAYS ABOUT ALLEGED ROMANIAN "ALERT" IN RESPONSE TO SUPPOSED SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS OPPOSITE ROMANIAN CITY GALATI AND GENERALLY ALONG USSR BORDER. ONE VERSION HAS IT THAT SOVIETS WERE DISPLEASED BY GOR'S OFFER TO SUPPLY TROOPS TO UNEF AND TORPEDOED IDEA IN UNSC, AFTERWARDS TAKING LINE WITH GOR THAT IF IT COULD INDULGE IN SENDING FORCES FAR AFIELD, IT MIGHT WELL COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY AT HOME WITH WARSAW PACT. SOVS THEN ALLEGEDLY RESURFACED WP TRANSIT ISSUE CONFIDENTIAL

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AND MADE DEMONSTRATIVE MILITARY AUGMENTATION ALONG BORDER.

- 2. ABOVE RUMORS COULD BE NOTHING MORE THAN EXPRESSION OF POPULAR FANCY OR POSSIBLY OF DISINFORMATION RATHER THAN REFLECTION OF FACT ALTHOUGH DAO PLANS TRIP TO GALATI AREA TOMORROW AND WE WILL OTHERWISE REMAIN ALERT TO ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS.
- 3. DAO SPETIL REPORTS SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL INFO ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH TENDS TO INDICATE THAT SOME SOVIET SABER RATTLING MAY INDEED HAVE OCCURRED.

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